

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS, AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED  
BY THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

ORIGINAL

APPLICATION OF LIGHTNING DOCK GEOTHERMAL Case No. 15357  
HI-01, LLC, FOR APPROVAL TO INJECT INTO A  
GEOTHERMAL AQUIFER THROUGH THREE PROPOSED  
GEOTHERMAL INJECTION WELLS AT THE SITE OF  
THE PROPOSED LIGHTNING DOCK GEOTHERMAL POWER  
PROJECT, HIDALGO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

and  
APPLICATION OF LIGHTNING DOCK GEOTHERMAL  
HI-01, LLC, TO PLACE WELL NO. 63A-7 ON Case No. 15365  
INJECTION-GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES AREA,  
HIDALGO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS  
PREHEARING TRANSCRIPT  
October 7, 2015  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

BEFORE: DAVID R. CATANACH, CHAIRPERSON  
ROBERT S. BALCH, COMMISSIONER  
PATRICK PADILLA, COMMISSIONER  
BILL BRANCARD, ESQ.

This matter came on for hearing before the  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission on Thursday,  
October 7, 2015, at the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and  
Natural Resources Department, Wendell Chino Building,  
1220 South St. Francis Drive, Porter Hall, Room 102,  
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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1 (Time Noted 1:03 p.m.)

2 COMMISSIONER CATANACH: We will call the  
3 meeting to order at this time. This is a continuation  
4 of a case heard on September 10th and 11th.

5 Let me call the roll at this time. My name  
6 is David Catanach, and I am chairman of the Oil  
7 Conservation Commission and director of the Oil  
8 Conservation Division.

9 Commissioners, can you please identify  
10 yourselves for the record.

11 COMMISSIONER BALCH: Dr. Robert Balch,  
12 designated Secretary of Energy and Minerals.

13 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: Patrick Padilla,  
14 designated as the New Mexico State Land Commissioner.

15 COMMISSIONER CATANACH: Okay. Today is  
16 October 7, 2015. And this Commission meeting is  
17 in Porter Hall -- I'm sorry. We are in the Wendell  
18 Chino Building in Porter Hall.

19 Commissioners, have you seen the agenda for  
20 today's meeting?

21 COMMISSIONER BALCH: I have.

22 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: I have.

23 COMMISSIONER CATANACH: And do I have a  
24 motion to adopt the agenda for today's meeting?

25 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: So moved.

1 COMMISSIONER BALCH: Seconded.

2 COMMISSIONER CATANACH: All in favor.

3 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: Aye.

4 COMMISSIONER BALCH: Aye.

5 COMMISSIONER CATANACH: The agenda will be  
6 approved.

7 Commissioners, have you had a chance to look  
8 at the minutes of the September 10th and 11th Commission  
9 meeting? And if you have, do you have any changes or  
10 suggested changes to that?

11 COMMISSIONER BALCH: I have no changes.

12 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: Nor I.

13 COMMISSIONER CATANACH: Motion to approve  
14 the minutes to that meeting.

15 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: So moved.

16 COMMISSIONER BALCH: And seconded.

17 COMMISSIONER CATANACH: All in favor.

18 (In Unison "Aye.")

19 COMMISSIONER CATANACH: Also, at this time,  
20 we heard a Frontier case on that docket, case 15193.  
21 And we have reached a decision and we have a draft order  
22 that we need to take care of today.

23 Commissioners, have you reviewed the draft  
24 order?

25 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: I have not.

1 COMMISSIONER CATANACH: Do you wish to have  
2 some time to look it over?

3 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: No, I saw the  
4 proposed draft order and that's fine.

5 COMMISSIONER BALCH: I read the draft order  
6 and I would move to adopt it.

7 COMMISSIONER PADILLA: I would second that.

8 COMMISSIONER CATANACH: Okay. All in favor  
9 of adopting the draft order say "aye."

10 (In Unison "Aye.")

11 COMMISSIONER CATANACH: Also, on today's  
12 docket was a case, De Novo case 15327, which was the  
13 Application of COG Operating, LLC, for a non-standard  
14 spacing and proration unit and compulsory pooling, Lea  
15 County, New Mexico. This case has been continued to  
16 November 5th, 2015.

17 And do we have any other procedural issues  
18 before we start this case, Mr. Brancard?

19 MR. BRANCARD: No.

20 COMMISSIONER CATANACH: I'm sorry. Mr. Bill  
21 Brancard is also present today. I apologize for just  
22 now identifying you.

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24 (Time noted 1:10 p.m.)

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO )  
 2 ) ss.  
 3 COUNTY OF BERNALILLO )  
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7 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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 9 I, ELLEN H. ALLANIC, New Mexico Reporter CCR  
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 11 2015, the proceedings in the above-captioned matter were  
 12 taken before me, that I did report in stenographic  
 13 shorthand the proceedings set forth herein, and the  
 14 foregoing pages are a true and correct transcription to  
 15 the best of my ability and control.  
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 18 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither employed by  
 19 nor related to nor contracted with (unless excepted by  
 20 the rules) any of the parties or attorneys in this case,  
 21 and that I have no interest whatsoever in the final  
 22 disposition of this case in any court.  
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